

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**July 13th, 2015 Public Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D**

**Present:**

**Board members:**

Alexei Levine, Board Chair  
Matt Olds, Board Member  
AnnMarie Kennedy, Board Member  
Jennie Pelletier, Board Member  
Sheri Sarmento, Board Member  
Paul Andrews, Board Member

**DPL Staff:**

Bianca Hoffman, Executive Director  
Jim O'Connor, Board Counsel  
Sandra Velasquez, Board Administrator  
Shawn Croke, Investigator

**Item 1) 10:00 a.m.      Meeting called to order:**

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure** – Executive Director detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency.
- Introduction of new Executive Director Bianca Hoffman- The new Executive Director of the Board Bianca Hoffman introduced herself to the Board and members of the public
- Listening session: see separate minutes

**Item 2) 10:10 a.m.      Board Meeting Minutes review-** The Executive Director communicated to the Board that the June minutes would be ready for the Board's approval at the August meeting

**Item 3) 10:15 a.m.      Board Counsel Report:** Board Counsel O'Connor, filling in for Board Counsel Kelley, does not have any updates for the Board

**Item 4) 10: 20 a.m. Applicant review:**

- **Appl.#2983/2858** – Motion to approve the denial of the application but to refund the application fee due to miscommunication with licensee, by Mr. Olds, seconded by Ms. Pelletier. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Appl. 13951/13957**-Motion to include Kunye massage as within the scope of Massage Therapy under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy made by Ms. Pelletier, seconded by Mr. Olds. Mr. Levine specifies he is not wholly confident in his own knowledge of what Kunye and has some reservations. Motion passes unanimously. A second motion was made to authorize the staff to process the application by Mr. Olds and seconded by Ms. Pelletier. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Appl. 2914 Tabled.**

**Item 6) 10:40 a.m. Investigative Conference: review cases (closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C )**

Mr. Levine moved to enter into an Investigative conference pursuant to G.L. 112, §65C to review cases. Ms. Sarmento seconded. After taking a roll call vote (all "yes"), motion passed unanimously.

During the investigative conference, the Board voted to take the following actions:

SA-MT-15-028: Dismiss Mr. Levine recused from the deliberation and the vote on this matter.MT-15-084 Forward to prosecutions

MT-15-085 Tabled

MT-15-122 – Forward to prosecutions

MT-15-105- Forward to prosecutions MT-15-164 – Tabled**10:50 Investigative Conference: Review of Appeals** (closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C )

MT-15-162 –Uphold fine. MT-15-167- Uphold fine. MT-15-160- Uphold fine.

MT-15-047 Invite principals in for investigatory conference.

- **Item 5) 11:10 Candidate Interviews:** applicants for licensure. Ms. Pelletier  
[Executive Session – closed session seconded. After taking a roll call vote (all  
pursuant to G.L.30A "yes"), motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levine moved to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to G.L.30A §21(1) to discuss the character rather than competence of

**Item 9) 11:40 p.m. Final Decision and Order [Deliberative Session: closed session pursuant to G.L.30A §18 (5) (d)]**

Ms. Pelletier motioned to continue the closed meeting to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations pursuant to G.L, c. 30A, s. 18 (5)(d). The motion was seconded by Mr. Olson and passed by unanimous consent.

Board deliberated on the final decision and orders presented by board counsel in the matters of:

MT-15-098

MT-13-116

MT-14-078

**Item 10) 12:00 p.m. Settlement Conference: [closed session pursuant to G.L.c.112, s65C]**

Mr. Olson moved to conduct a Settlement Conferences in closed session pursuant to *MGL c. 112, §65C*.  
Ms. Pelletier seconded. Motion passes unanimously.  
Board discussed settlement offers presented by prosecuting counsel.

At the end of the Closed Session, the open meeting resumed:

Item 10) 12:30 p.m.      Adjournment

Ms. Pelletier moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Velasquez,  
Board Administrator